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WINCHESTER'S GROWTH.

The census of 1880 gave this city 2,200 population; 1890, 4,000; 1900, 5,964. In 1902, in the Congressional race between the Hon. John G. White, of this city, and Hon. Frank Hopkins, a total of 1,157 votes were cast.

There has been a gradual increase of the vote since then until this year when the registration shows 1311 legally registered voters, which is an increase of 133 over last year and an increase of 660 over 1902.

No census has been taken since 1900, but the voting population, as shown by the records, has increased on an average of over one hundred a year. Counting five of population to each voter, a rule that is generally accepted, the increase in population since 1900 has been over 4,000, giving the city at the present time in round numbers 10,000 population.

The city is in a circle, extending three-fourths of a mile from the center. If the limits were extended one-fourth of a mile further to include the population that properly belongs to the city there would be 2,000 additional increase.

Winchester, in the ten years past has grown faster than any city of its class in the State. Part of this has been a natural growth, of course; much has come from its ideal situation as the gateway to Eastern Kentucky.

But what really makes for Winchester's growth is the enterprise of its citizens. They are all proud of their city and all are ready to put their shoulders to the wheel and do aught that may be necessary to up-build the city. Winchester is known from one end of the State to the other as up-to-date. If you talk to travelling men in Louisville, Lexington, Ovestoro or any place else, about the various Kentucky towns, you will invariably be told that Winchester is the best town in the State; that it is growing faster than any other.

Its Commercial Club is held up as a model for larger cities. When men have money to invest in new enterprises, they look over the field here and when they do, the Commercial Club sees that they come here, if it is possible to bring them.

This reputation means dollars and cents to our citizens. It adds to the income of our merchants. It makes the products of our farms more valuable.

Winchester has added more manufacturing plants in the last few years than has Lexington, four times as large in population. And as the development of the mountains progresses, we will add still faster.

Lexington added to its population by taking in adjoining territory, which really belonged to the city. Winchester should do the same. We have about 2,000 people on the outskirts that are part of the city. They ought to be within our limits.

Small County in Small State. The smallest state in the union has the smallest county as well. Bristol county, Rhode Island, has only 25 square miles. At one place it is not more than two miles in breadth.

CASTRO READY FOR BLOCKADE

Asks Holland to Arbitrate Differences.

ALSO LOADS COAST GUNS

Dictates Reply to Second Note From Netherlands While on Sick Bed and Suggests That Confidential Agent Be Sent to Venezuela With Authority to Settle All Existing Difficulties—Answers Veiled Threat of Demonstration by Preparation.

Caracas, Oct. 29.—On Oct. 12, the day of his patron saint Cipriano, and while lying on a sick bed, President Castro answered the second note from the Netherlands government, which fixes the date of Nov. 1 for the revocation of the trans-shipment decree of May 14. It was not until the following day, Oct. 13, that Venezuela's anxiously-awaited reply was delivered into the hands of Baron Von Seckendorff, the German minister, who is in charge of Dutch interests.

Dr. Paul, minister for foreign affairs, closes his answer to Holland by saying that, as an interruption of diplomatic relations exists between the Netherlands government and Venezuela, and as the Venezuelan government desires to arrive at an amicable arrangement, he asks the government of Holland to send to Caracas a confidential agent with powers and instructions to settle all the difficulties now existing.

The point of view of Venezuela, as expressed in this answer, is that, notwithstanding that the government of the Netherlands in last note admits the good grounds for the grievances presented by the Venezuelan government, it has not given the requested satisfaction which is necessary for the forgiveness of the offenses. The Dutch government, in its note, limited itself merely to an offer to pay the material value of the consular shield destroyed by the Curacao mob.

Venezuela's answer expresses surprise at, and calls inexplicable, the fact that the government of Holland, after having admitted in its note the perfect right of Venezuela to issue the trans-shipment decree, at the same time asks for its revocation and simultaneously makes the threat that it will no longer consider to be in force the protocol of 1894 unless said decree is revoked by Nov. 1.

The protocol signed at The Hague on Aug. 20, 1904, by the special commissioner of Venezuela, General Garcia, and the Dutch government, was for the purpose of re-establishing the relations of friendship between the two nations, which had been severed for 19 years. By it Venezuela agreed to drop all claims against Holland and Holland agreed to prevent conspiracy and filibustering expeditions. Holland makes no further threat in her note, but the fact that two Dutch warships left Holland at the same time as the note and are now lying in the harbor of Curacao has been interpreted here by the government and by the people to be a direct though mute threat that force will be used on Nov. 1 to compel the revocation of the decree of May 14.

President Castro has answered this threat by making all necessary naval and military preparations to meet any reasonable contingency, and shells for the large coast defense guns on the La Guaira mountains were carried up to the guns last week. Now everything is in readiness in case Holland prefers to send the warships instead of the confidential agent asked for by Venezuela.

Needed in Indiana.

Columbus, O., Oct. 29.—A man who gave his name as Curry was released from the local workhouse, where he was serving out a fine, in order that he might return to Indianapolis, where his services are said to be needed in getting out the vote at next Tuesday's election. A man called at the institution and inquired what amount of cash was required to secure the release of Curry. He was informed that \$12.50 cash would cause the doors to open, and in a few hours returned with the necessary lubricant and Curry, who he claimed is a ward committeeman for one of the political parties, took the first train bound for the Hoosier capital.

Pierce Announces Return.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 29.—Henry Clay Pierce is coming back to Texas to answer the indictment returned against him in this county, charging him with false swearing. Governor Campbell was advised by Judge Barclay of St. Louis, who represented the state at the hearing of Pierce, that the St. Louisian will leave for Texas and be here Nov. 9 to stand trial. Judge Barclay also says that Pierce said he would have come earlier, but his health prevented it. Pierce is now at his summer home in Massachusetts.

Lodge Makes Prediction.

New York, Oct. 29.—United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge said at national Republican headquarters that he estimates the plurality which Taft and Sherman will receive in Massachusetts at 90,000.

REGISTRATION AT THE NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Paris Shows a Total Registered Vote of 1586: Mt. Sterling 959.

Special to The News.

PARIS, Ky., Oct. 29.—The total registration of Paris is as follows: Democrats 906 Republicans 653 Independents 33

Total 1586

Mt. Sterling.

Special to The News.

MT. STERLING, Ky., Oct. 29.—The three days supplemental registration added to that of the regular day, shows the following total registration for Mt. Sterling: Democrats 540 Republicans 386 Independents 33

Total 959

STATE FIRE LOSS.

State Fire Marshal, W. F. Niekirk, makes the following report of fire losses in State for the past year. It shows a larger loss than the previous year.

The total amount of value of the property involved in fires was \$6,514,770. The total insurance thereon was \$3,832,557, and the total loss was \$1,107,225, and the total loss to the insurance companies was \$753,102.

There were altogether a total of 1,579 fires, of which 1,047 were frame and 508 brick or stone, and 24 buildings of other material.

Of the known causes of the fire defective flues wrought the greatest damage, causing 240 fires, while sparks from chimneys, causing 149 fires, was second. There were more than 315 fires the cause of which are unknown.

CURTIS SAYS THAT HE WARNED MORSE

Reads Letter Written to Promoter of Ice Trust.

New York, Oct. 29.—The apparent determination of Alfred H. Curtis to exonerate himself of all blame respecting the banking transactions for which he and Charles W. Morse are now undergoing trial in the United States district court here, became more defined when under the prompting of his attorney Mr. Curtis produced a letter written by him under date of June 13, 1907, and addressed to Morse, in which he protested vigorously against the continuance of practices inaugurated by the latter, which, in Curtis' opinion, constituted grave menace to the stability of the Bank of North America.

The incident of the overdraft of \$210,000 by Morse, previously testified to, was made the subject of searching questions by the witness' own attorney. Mr. Curtis related the coming of F. Augustus Heinze to him with a request for a loan of \$126,000 and his refusal to grant the accommodation. Morse remonstrated with him, saying "unless we let them have the money they must go to the wall."

Curtis stood firm, however, he said, and retorted: "They can not have a cent of the bank's money; if they must fail, they must fail." But to his amazement, he testified, a personal check of Charles W. Morse for \$126,000, drawn to the order of Heinze, came through the next day. The check had been honored, the witness said, although at the time Morse had a balance to his credit of only \$3,100.

Escapes Death Penalty.

Manila, Oct. 29.—Private Michael Beecham of the First cavalry, who ran amuck at Camp Stotsenburg last May and killed four of his companions, was sentenced to life imprisonment by the trial court before which he appeared. The court took the view that the crime was unpremeditated and the result of a sudden fit of anger. Under the Spanish law, therefore, the court held that the circumstances in the case did not warrant the infliction of the death penalty.

Beveridge Answers Questions.

Evansville, Ind., Oct. 29.—Senator Albert J. Beveridge was bombarded with questions at several points during the third day's tour of his special train closing the Republican campaign in Indiana. In reply to one of his numerous questioners he declared that E. H. Harriman was not supporting William H. Taft for president in this campaign.

GOLD MEDAL FOR WRIGHTS.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—The British Aero Club has awarded its gold medal to the Wright brothers, of Dayton, Ohio, for their remarkable achievements.

M'GRATHIANA SALE.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 29.—The second day of the McGrathiana sale was even more successful than the first. A total of 142 head of brood mares and weanlings brought \$27,720. This is an average of a little over \$195, as compared with an average of \$213.50 for the 97 head offered Tuesday. But in Tuesday's sale were included the stallions which largely increased the average for that day.

239 Sell for \$48,420.

At the present time a total of 239 head have been sold for \$48,420, which is an average of more than \$202 per head. Nearly one-half of the stock listed remains to be sold and as the total has already exceeded by a considerable margin the amount which Colonel Young expressed himself in advance as being satisfactory, the sale is certain to be looked upon throughout the country as eminently successful in every particular.

HIDDEN IN NEW YORK.

Is Loot Taken From Cathedral of Limoges in France.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—The police of New York are quietly searching for some trace of the valuable loot taken from the Cathedral of Limoges, France, last May. The French authorities have received secret information which leads them to believe that the articles stolen were shipped to the United States and are now probably hidden in New York.

CUTTING OUT WOODLANDS.

MIDWAY, Ky., Oct. 29.—Dr. A. J. A. Alexander, of the Woodburn farm, near this city, is cutting out one of his beautiful woodlands on this noted estate, and has contracted to let Mr. W. H. Mastin, of this county, have some of the walnut timber which he will cut and haul right from the stump. The trees measure from twelve to thirty inches and he expects to get about 200,000 feet from the woodland.

The best of it will be hewn by him for export while the smaller timber will be disposed of to local dealers. These woodlands have become so dense with shade that they are to be cleared for the good of the grass.

BRANDS NOVITIATES.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 29.—Despite the fact that fraternities are barred from the High School their existence has been learned through the branding and probable disfigurement for life of Edward Lusk and Frank Ritchey, students at the Los Angeles High school.

The boys were taken for initiation by members of the society and tied together with a wire. Their hair was shorn and as a finality the boys were branded on the forehead with the Greek letters Kappa Delta. The boys made no protest, but the parents took the case before the school authorities. They say the lads will always bear the imprint of the letters.

THREATENS EXPOSURE.

OWINGSVILLE, Ky., Oct. 29.—Mrs. Hick Kelly, of near Sharpsburg, was arrested and jailed here yesterday charged with stealing corn. This is the second time she has been arrested for this offense. She was released from jail on the first charge ten days ago. Mrs. Kelly claims that she and seven witnesses against her are night riders and threatens exposure if she is not released at once.

SETTLES WAR CLAIMS.

PARIS, Ky., Oct. 29.—Mrs. Jesse Payne, of Millersburg, has just received a big check from the United States government for horses taken from her husband as he was returning from the Confederate army after the close of the Civil War.

TAKEN TO JACKSON.

JACKSON, Ky., Oct. 29.—The body of Mr. Taylor Lytle, who died at the St. Joseph's Hospital Tuesday night as a result of blood poison, was brought to Jackson over the Lexington and Eastern road yesterday afternoon for interment.

POSTMASTER APPOINTED.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Laura Coleman has been appointed postmaster at Alka, Pike county, vice J. M. Coleman, resigned.

VIOLATED CONSTITUTION.

Tennessee Troops Marched Across Kentucky Line Accidentally.

CAMP NEMO, SAMBURG, Tenn., Oct. 29.—A lack of knowledge of the country was the cause of a violation of the Constitution of the United States yesterday by Capt. Rogan, U. S. A., when he marched a body of armed men across the border into Kentucky searching for night rider suspects. Capt. Rogan was in command of a detachment operating in the extreme northern portion of the State, and after some hours' marching found himself in the sister State. The matter, together with an explanation, has been reported to the Governor of Kentucky.

TWO BROKEN ARMS.

Mrs. Geo. Allen and Six-year-old Child of Mr. Charles Parsen, Both Suffers Mishaps.

The six-year-old child of Mr. Charles Parsen, who lives in the north end of Winchester, while playing on the porch of his home Monday afternoon, fell and broke his arm. The family did not know it was broken and medical aid was not called in until Wednesday afternoon, and it is now feared that it will have to be amputated.

Mrs. George Allen, who lives near Becknerville, about six miles from the city, while out in her yard yesterday afternoon, stumbled over a cross-cut saw, which some one had carelessly laid down, fell and broke her right arm in two places.

EDITOR ARRESTED

By Mistake In Connection With Night Rider Outrages.

Camp Nemo, Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., Oct. 29.—Within one week from the time the soldiers of Tennessee, under personal direction of Governor M. R. Patterson, spread their tents in the heart of the night rider district, evidence of the most convincing and damaging nature against the murderers of Captain Quentin Rankin has been unearthed. Frank Ferriner has confessed and has implicated 10 or 12 men now in custody. He gave names and, it is understood, went into full details.

The total arrests since the troops arrived here is 85, and of this number it is alleged that half or one-third belong to the night riders' band.

Major J. Bright Horton, leading a detachment of soldiers, returned to camp having in charge James M. Brice, editor of the Troy News Banner. Mr. Brice was immediately ordered released, as it was clear that a mistake had been made, as Brice is not only a prominent and law-abiding citizen of his town, but one of the best-known newspaper men in west Tennessee.

Wright Gives First Lesson.

Lemans, Oct. 29.—Wilbur Wright gave the first lesson in handling his aeroplane, in accordance with his contract, to Count De Lambert. Three flights were made of 12, 8 and 15 minutes respectively, and they proved very successful. Mr. Wright had fitted a special lever on his machine which enabled him to control his pupil's movements and thus lessen the danger of accidents that might be likely to arise from inexperience. At the end of his lesson Count De Lambert said that the handling of the aeroplane was simplicity itself, and he was confident that he would become proficient in a very short time.

THE MEAT OF IT.

Safeflowers secured \$1,600 in money and stamps from the Gallipolis (O.) postoffice.

The Ohio state board of health has established 300 stations for the distribution of antitoxin to indigent diphtheria patients.

Ohio traction lines during the year ending June 30 carried 97,076,387 passengers, 87 of whom were killed and 1,143 injured.

Forty Yaquis are reported to have been killed in a battle with Papago Indians, near Altar, state of Sonora, Mexico.

J. W. Hutchison was married at Paris, Ky., to a widow, and the next day, when he sought to have the contract annulled and was turned down, he blew out his brains in a livery stable.

William Montgomery, cashier of the defunct Allegheny National bank, was found guilty for the second time within a week of embezzling funds of the bank.

South Africa Becoming United.

England's dream of a united South Africa is coming true. The premiers of Cape Colony, the Transvaal and the Orange River colony recently moved, in their respective legislative assemblies, the adoption of the resolution of the intercolonial customs and railway conference calling for an early union under the British crown. Natal is no whit behindhand and the resolution of the conference specially referred to the inclusion of Rhodesia in the great South Africa state at a convenient opportunity.

LABOR LEADERS

Hope to Obtain Decision in Contempt Case Before Election.

Washington, Oct. 29.—To facilitate a quick decision before the general election in the contempt proceedings against President Gompers, Vice President John Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, growing out of the alleged boycott of the Bucks Stove and Range company of St. Louis, counsel for the labor leaders gave notice to the counsel for the Bucks company that they will adduce no further evidence in behalf of themselves and will submit the case on the evidence as already produced. In view of their taking this position they submit to the court that they are entitled to an immediate decision. The case has been set for a further taking of testimony in this city today. Mr. Gompers and his associate leaders are anxious that the decision be reached and announced immediately.

Sale Proves a Success.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 29.—The second day of the McGrathiana stud dispersal sale proved even more satisfactory than the first. One hundred and forty-two brood mares and weanlings brought a total of \$27,720, an average of \$195. Nearly one-half of the list remains to be sold, and already the total received, \$48,420, has exceeded the amount originally expected by Colonel Milton Young, the owner.

Socialists Plan Demonstration.

Chicago, Oct. 29.—The Socialists have announced their plans for holding a big street demonstration in Chicago next Sunday afternoon. The parade is to be in four divisions, one of which will be composed entirely of women and children. Eugene V. Debs, Socialist candidate for president, is scheduled to arrive in Chicago on his "red special" tonight.

EXPLAINS METHODS

By Which Powder Trust Exterminated its Business Rivals.

New York, Oct. 29.—How the Dupont Powder company cut prices in the south to put the Chattanooga Powder company out of business was brought out at the resumption here of hearings in the suit of the government against the so-called powder trust. F. J. Waddell, district sales agent for the Synamonahoning Powder company of Huntington, W. Va., testified that he had instructions from Eugene Dupont to go down and "cut out" the Chattanooga company, regardless of prices. "I located the trade supplied by the Chattanooga company," said the witness, "by the aid of the railroads, and took it away from them." Asked what was the lowest price at which he was selling, Mr. Waddell replied that it was 75 cents a keg, or approximately 30 cents below cost.

Trust Indorses Managers.

Corinth, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Resolutions commending the company's managers for the action they have taken during the employees' strike and instructing them to continue the present policy, were adopted unanimously at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the International Paper company.

Polish Private Schools Closed.

Warsaw, Oct. 29.—All the private Polish schools have been closed by the governors, in retaliation for the almost daily attacks made upon Russian university students in the streets for several weeks past. The Poles have appealed to the duma.

Bookwalter Contributes to Fund.

Chicago, Oct. 29.—The name of John W. Bookwalter of Ohio appears in the list of contributors to the Democratic campaign fund, \$1,500 being the amount of his donation.

JAPANESE SEALERS

Are Caught Poaching by Russian Patrol Cruiser.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 29.—The seizure of more raiding Japanese sealing schooners at the Russian sealing grounds in the North Pacific is reported by the steamer Montague, which has arrived from those waters. The schooner Bosa Maru was interrupted off the rocky at the Russian seal islands on her way home from the Bering sea. Two boats with six men armed were on the beach. The men were engaged in clubbing seals on the hauling grounds when the Russian patrol ship arrived and seized the schooner, but in the fog the schooner escaped and the guards afterward found the six men who had been left on the rookery.

Another Japanese schooner was caught off Great Santa Island by a Russian patrol cruiser. The crew deserted the schooner and took refuge in the woods. After a vain chase the Russians returned and burned the ship. It was feared that the Japanese would be frozen and starved to death.

Eight Men Indicted.

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 29.—The special grand jury empaneled in the United States court to examine into alleged Cincinnati bucket shops returned indictments against eight men. Those indicted are: Louis W. Foster, Arthur C. Baldwin, John M. Scott, Ed F. Hill, Walter J. Campbell and John M. Gorman of Foster & Co., and George H. Stapely and John A. Payne of George H. Stapely & Co. The charge upon which the men were indicted is that of using the United States mails to defraud.